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Title: SECURE FRANKING MACHINE

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the January 14, 2008 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response was originally due April 14, 2008. A Notice of Appeal was filed April 14, 2008 and an Appeal Brief was originally due June 14, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee is submitted herewith. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time to respond is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.